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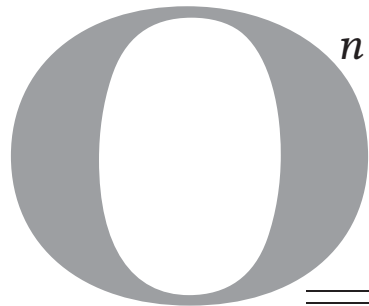
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—ABRAHAM LINCOLN—



In Remembrance



n Sept. 11 thousands of Americans lost their lives in a series of attacks by terrorists upon the United States. In these pages are remembrances of just a few of those men and women – all of whom were at the Pentagon on that fateful day.

*They are gone.
They will never be forgotten....*

Spec. Craig Amundson

Craig Amundson, 28, always found computers easy.

It was not only what would lead him to his job at the Pentagon doing computer graphics, but it was a way he found he could help people out, including his parents, who run a pharmacy in Hartville, Mo., a town of 700.

He designed a Web page for Star Pharmacy that provides health tips to people who logged on.

"Thanks to Craig Amundson, Webmeister extraordinary, for designing our Web site. A fantastic job. Many thanks for many hours of work," his parents, Orland and Karen, wrote on the site's guestbook.

It was a typical exchange in the close-knit family, said Mary McAfoos, Craig's aunt.

"They're very close. ... It's a very tragic time. It has been ups and downs. We're pretty devastated."



Amundson

Petty Officer 2nd Class Melissa Rose Barnes

Melissa Barnes, 27, from Redlands, Calif. was a Yeoman with two stints in the U.S. Navy. She was honorably discharged in 1997, only to return to active duty March 16, 1999.

At the time of her death, Barnes worked in the Pentagon's Chief of Naval Operations Telecommunications Center.

During her career, Barnes also was stationed at Naval Air Warfare Center, in Patuxent River, Md.; Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Va.; and Naval Technical Training Center, Meridian, Miss.

She earned the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kris Romeo Bishundat

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kris Bishundat joined the U.S. Navy 2 days before his 18th birthday, anxious to serve his country and travel the world, said his father, Bhola Bishundat.

Sept. 14, the information systems technician would have celebrated his 24th birthday.

"He was a sweet, nice, handsome young man," his father said, choking on the lump of sorrow lodged in this throat. "He loved his job, he was dedicated to his job. He loved to serve his country."

Bishundat had been working at the Pentagon for three months when he was killed.



Bishundat

Col. Canfield D. Boone

Canfield Boone, 53, had a heck of a sense of humor.

His wife, Linda Boone, recalls how he'd keep the family laughing.

"At restaurants, waitresses [handing him the check] would say, 'I'll take that when you're ready.' He'd always say, 'How about a week from next Thursday?'"

Boone recently had been promoted to a full colonel in the U.S. Army and worked in personnel in the newly renovated offices at the Pentagon. A native of Milan, Ind., "Bud" Boone graduated from Butler University, where he majored in history and political science and met his wife.

"Half my life is gone," said Linda, 52, a second-grade teacher in a Virginia elementary school. "Half my past. Half my future. It's very hard."



Boone

Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Lee Burford

Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Burford was book smart, real book smart, his father said. He'd read the World Book Encyclopedia and the dictionary to keep his skills sharp.

The 23-year-old electronics technician with the Chief of Naval Operations Telecommunications Center was killed doing what he loved best.

"He was a great kid and a blessing from God. I am thankful every day that God gave me the opportunity to be his father," David Burford said, "even if it was for a short time."

"Chris was one of the funnies and most intelligent people I know," David Burford said.

"He loved his family and Poobie, his stuffed teddy bear he's had since he was a kid."



Burford

Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Martin Caballero

Naval Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel Caballero, 21, was poised

to see the world. He joined the Navy three years ago, trained as an electronics technician in Chicago and worked for 2 years at the Pentagon, most recently staging satellite videoteleconferences.

In December, Caballero would have started his first assignment at sea — not bad for a Texas kid whose only travel had been to visit relatives back in Mexico.

Carmen Caballero remembered her only son as a committed sailor, determined to rise through the ranks, always bringing his electronics and naval textbooks with him when he visited.

"He was quite dedicated to what he wanted to do," Caballero said. "To all his dreams, to his country."



Caballero

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Orlando Calderon

Sgt. 1st Class Jose Calderon, 44, had viewed serving in the military as a way to advance in life. The job had taken him all over the world.

But the week before his death, he and his wife had planned to take the first step toward planting deeper roots: They were to meet with a real estate agent to discuss buying a home, Gloria Calderon said.

Calderon was born in Fajardo, Puerto Rico, and joined the Army 19 years ago after finishing high school. While stationed in Bremen, Germany, 10 years ago, he met his wife. Three days after their marriage, Calderon was deployed to the Persian Gulf, where he served for seven months.

"He was an exceptional father, a very good husband who has been dedicated to his family and to helping people," Gloria Calderon, 40, said.



Calderon

Lt. Eric Allen Cranford

Lt. Eric Cranford, 32, had a dream to become a Navy pilot. "He was the type of guy to never shirk or step back from his duty or a responsibility," said a friend who knew him from his high school years. "He was the type of person you wanted as a role model."

Barbara Bliss, a former teacher, called Cranford a very bright student.

"When I heard this, I never...," Bliss began. "I really think we've lost someone so special and promising and he was fulfilling his promise of flying."

Cranford returned to work at the Pentagon after being stationed in Florida.

The thing friends and former teachers remember best about him was his sense of humor. Bliss tells the story from Cranford's senior year Mardi Gras celebration. Cranford dressed up like a French teacher of his, complete with corduroy pants and blue V-neck sweater, and drawn-on fake mustache.

Capt. Gerald Francis Deconto

As director of the current operations and plans branch of the Navy Command Center, Capt. Gerald DeConto, 44, was organizing the Navy's response to the World Trade Center attack when he died in the crash at the Pentagon.

The weekend before he died, DeConto drove his green Ford Explorer, with the license tag "FISH79," for his nickname at the U.S. Naval Academy, to a family reunion at his brother's home in East Lyme, Conn.

"We're so lucky we had that weekend all together," said his mother, Patricia DeConto.

Gerald DeConto, who was divorced and had no children, stayed in close touch with his mother, two brothers and two sisters. He enjoyed sailing, running with his two dogs, and giving his brothers pointers about coaching soccer.



Deconto

Lt. Co. Jerry D. Dickerson

If there was a definition of Army values in the dictionary, Jerry Dickerson's picture would sit right next to it, said a longtime friend, Lt. Col. Glenn W. Harp.

"For him, it was selfless service," Harp said. "He cared more for others than he did for himself."

Family and country came first for Dickerson, 41. "He was a key player in molding and shaping the future of the United States Army," Harp said.



Dickerson

Petty Officer 1st Class Johnnie Doctor Jr.

He was the rock of the family, the supporter of friends, the

good son who helped take care of the family as a youth and the star athlete who loved sports.

But at heart, Johnnie Doctor was a Navy man. "He loved everything about the service," said his wife, Andrea. "It was his family, too." The two were married in 1995.

Doctor, 32, was an information systems technician first class, a job he relished, his wife said. He was in the Navy 14 years, traveling from Japan to Jacksonville, Fla., to Russia and Australia. On his return from far-flung ports, he'd always bring back a T-shirt or other mementos for his wife and stepchildren, Anthony and Lydeda.

"He always knew how much I loved T-shirts," his wife said. "He would never forget."



Doctor

Cmdr. Robert Edward Dolan

Bob Dolan began his military career at the U.S. Naval Academy, and by age 40, was commander of the USS John Hancock with its motto "First for Freedom."

His 20-year career had taken him from Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf, to the Adriatic Sea and Mediterranean Sea. He worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the mid-1990s before earning a master's degree from the National War College. He was working as strategy and concepts branch head under the chief of naval operations when he was killed. Dolan, 43, received several decorations, including the Meritorious Service Medal.

His loyalty extended beyond his career.

"He was intelligent and kind and giving and smart and fun and interesting and worldly," said Mark Wallinger, who met Dolan in kindergarten.



Dolan

Cmdr. William Howard Donovan Jr.

Navy Cmdr. William Donovan, 37, was from Nunda, N.Y. Commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in May 1986, the Naval aviator was working for the Chief of Naval Operations when he died.

He had earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon and NATO Medal.

Cmdr. Patrick Dunn

From her home, Stephanie Ross Dunn could hear when the USS LaSalle was heading out to sea: Three deep blasts of its horn as it left its berth, one more as it turned for the Gulf of Gaeta.

She'd grab her big blue-and-gold Naval Academy flag and head for the roof of the house in the small Italian port she shared with her husband, Pat, the LaSalle's executive officer. And when the stately command ship passed by, with her husband on the bridge, she'd grasp the flag by its wooden staff and wave a solitary farewell — to him, and to all hands on board.

Despite his busy life in the Navy, Cmdr. Patrick Dunn, 39, and his wife were in constant communication.

The morning of Sept. 11, he kissed Stephanie, 31, who is two months pregnant with their first child, before leaving for work at the Pentagon. Then, for the first time, he kissed her stomach, too.



Dunn

Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Thomas Earhart

Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Earhart wasn't supposed to return to work from leave until Sept. 12.

But the dedicated 26-year-old sailor returned one ill-fated day early, wanting to ensure a computer Web site was up and running properly, said his aunt, Claudette Thomas.

Earhart, who specialized in weather mapping and computer Web site management, was a science major and planned to earn the remaining credits in meteorology. Thomas said her nephew enjoyed sharing his knowledge with children. During his recent leave, Earhart made a presentation to a preschool class about clouds.

Earhart liked to refer to himself as a "weather guesser," his aunt said.

He also liked sports, and divided loyalties between the universities of Kentucky and Michigan, where he spent part of his childhood.



Earhart



In Remembrance

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Randolph Elseth

Lt. Cmdr. Robert Elseth was a special person with a special family, said the Navy Reserve casualty assistance officer who helped the family.

"I would have liked to have known him," said ????. "I'm confident he and I would have been friends."

Elseth, 37, was a loving father with "a great sense of humor," ?? said.

He dedicated himself to the ones he loved, including his Navy family, he said.

Petty Officer 3d Class Jamie Lynn Fallon

Jamie Lynn Fallon got noticed.

She stood 5 feet 11, had blaze red hair and never shied from sharing an opinion, her father said.

"You just knew when she was in a room," Mike Fallon said of his 23-year-old daughter, killed Sept. 11 when a hijacked plane slammed into the Pentagon.

"She was an outgoing person, she had a lot of friends and she was a very caring person. She was definitely an individual. She appreciated life and was very outspoken."

Early on, Jamie had no idea what she wanted out of life and had dropped out of high school her senior year, said Mike Fallon, himself a 20-year veteran of the Navy.

One day, she came home with a surprise announcement.

"Mom, dad, I joined the Navy," he recalled.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Michael Flocco

Navy dress blues and a peacoat belonging to Navy Aerographer's Mate 2nd Class Matthew Flocco, 21, hang in the picture window of his parents' home in Newark, Del.

The weekend before he died, Flocco traveled from his home in Fort Myer, Va., to see his parents. He also spent time with friends and played horseshoes. There was a last Sunday breakfast of sweet-pepper omelets before the drive to the station, where the train was running late, his mother, Sheila Flocco said. It gave her a few more precious minutes to hug her son and say goodbye.

"We're just so proud of him, and we're going to miss the hell out of him," his father said. "He dedicated his life to his job and his friends. I learned more from him in the past three years than he ever learned from me."

Capt. Lawrence Daniel Getzfred

Capt. Lawrence Getzfred, 57, was one of seven Nebraska brothers, five of whom joined the Navy.

"Nebraska is pretty inland, maybe this was their chance to see the ocean," said Getzfred's sister-in-law, Betty Getzfred.

The Navy captain enlisted in the Navy in 1963 and was working security at the Pentagon when he was killed, she said.

After enlistment, he served four years on active duty and then shifted into the reserves while working toward a mathematics degree, said his brother, Mark. He then rejoined the Navy for officer training.

After 38 years serving around the world, Getzfred was in his second stint at the Pentagon, working in the Navy Command Center.

He was a talkative fella, Betty Getzfred said, who liked collecting antiques and wood furniture. He also would dabble in woodworking and was quite good at it, she said.

Petty Officer 1st Class Ronald John Hemenway

After pursuing jobs in the field of horse breeding, Ronald Hemenway joined the Navy and built a successful career that landed him a job in the Pentagon.

The 37-year-old Hemenway, an electronics technician first class, was raised in Alaska and attended the University of Fairbanks.

His mother, Shirley, said that when he was 30 and the family was living in Kansas, she found a note from her son one morning that said: "I won't be home until I've found a job."

He came back and said he planned to join the Navy -- and he did, training in electronics and graduating at the top of his class. After a tour on the USS LaSalle, he took a job at the Pentagon to be closer to his family.

Hemenway has a wife, Marinella, and two children, Stefan, 3, and Desiree, 1.

Maj. Wallace C. Hogan Jr.

Maj. Wallace Hogan, 40, who went by his middle name, Cole, was Army through and through. He had served with the Green Berets, the Special Forces and, ultimately, as a general's aide at the Pentagon.

He loved every job, said his father, Wallace C. Hogan Sr. Though Hogan had hobbies, including hunting and car repair, his focus was on the military, his father said.

"He was a very gung-ho military man," he said. "He would have stayed in the Army until they kicked him out."

Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr.

Twenty years ago, Stephen Hyland told a friend what he'd like his epitaph to read:

"Born with the gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad."

It was just too fitting, said those who love him most.

"You look back, and all you think about is him laughing," his father, also Stephen, said. "When he was in a room, everybody gathered around him."

Hyland, 45, who went by his middle name, was a lieutenant colonel in the Army and worked at the Pentagon on personnel issues. October would have marked his 21st anniversary in the military.

Sgt. Maj. Lacey Ivory

A kind and loving person is how Reola Ivory described her son, Sgt. Maj. Lacey Ivory, 43.

Coming from a family with three sisters and four brothers, Lacey, found a mentor and best friend in his brother, Sylvester. Around the same age, the brothers graduated from high school the same year. Sylvester set his course for college, and Lacey began his pursuit of a military career.

Reola supported Lacey's decision to join the Army but told him a college education should be on his agenda as well. Lacey did his mother proud. He had a full career in the Army and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree.

Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson

Lt. Col. Dennis Johnson ran his department at the Pentagon not like an impersonal machine, but like a family, said Chief Warrant Officer Julia Lyons. "He wasn't rough on the edges at all," she said of her boss. "He was very personable, very soft-spoken. He talked to every one of us when he walked past. He made us all feel close."

After 25 years in the Army, Johnson, 48, found himself working for the past year in the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel. He was one of three people in his nine-member department who were lost in the terrorist attack Sept. 11.

Johnson was born in Wisconsin and graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point with a degree in business administration. He later received a master's degree in hotel and restaurant management.

"He's going to be terribly missed," Lyons said.

Lt. Michael 'Scott' Lamana

Michael "Scott" Lamana, 31, a Navy lieutenant and flight officer, rarely rested.

By day, he helped monitor the operations of the Navy's global fleet from his post in the Pentagon's Navy Command Center.

By night, he attended classes at the University of Maryland and expected to earn a master's degree in business in December. In between, he worked out with friends in the Pentagon's gym or helped friends with projects at work or home.

"He loved his job. He loved the military," said his father, Jay "Mike" Lamana.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Nehamon Lyons IV

As a boy, Nehamon Lyons, 30, told his mother he wanted to work in the Pentagon. She figured it was the excitement of being in the military nerve center, so far from their home in Pine Bluff, Ark., that attracted him, and she encouraged him to work toward his goal.

"I'd tell him he could do anything he wanted to do," Jewell Lyons said.

When, years later, he called to say he was going to join the Navy, she was surprised. "He had been going to college. I just figured he would get himself a 9-to-5 job," she said.

Four years into his military service, Lyons got his wish: a Pentagon assignment in the office of the chief of naval operations. An operations specialist, he told his mother he loved his job and had decided to make the Navy his career.

"He was happy all the time," she said. "When you saw him, he was laughing. He could make the saddest moment a happy one."

Lt. Col. Dean Mattson

Army Lt. Col. Dean Mattson was the guy who always had a smile and a friendly word.

"He was just the very nicest, the very sweetest man," said Rewa Burnham, a marketing consultant at the high-rise complex in Alexandria, Va. "Everyone is just heartbroken."

Mattson, 57, was always in uniform or wearing jogging clothes. Burnham remembers that he was particularly enamored of her dog, Loki, a Jack Russell terrier-shepherd mix.

"Loki is just this little thing, and he's such a tall man," she recalled. "Loki would bark and he'd say, 'Ah, there's the ferocious wolf!'"

Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude

Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, was described as a sharp officer who has always taken care of the soldiers in his command. Maude attended officer candidate school, was commissioned in 1967 as a second lieutenant postal officer and spent one year in Vietnam. Later, he had various postings in the United States, Germany and Korea.

He has received several decorations, including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and a Defense Superior Service award.



Hyland



Johnson



Lamana



Lyons



Mattson

Maude, 53, was stationed in Washington, D.C., since August 1998 and was nominated for his current position at the Pentagon almost 16 months ago by then-Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen.

As deputy chief of staff for personnel, Maude has helped steer the Army's recruitment efforts and has launched reality-based television ads designed to appeal to potential recruits. He has testified frequently before Congress, telling lawmakers that the Army needs more people to complete its missions.

Maj. Ronald Milam

Maj. Ronald Milam's has set two priorities, family and career, and both had just taken an upswing, his parents said.

His wife, Jacqueline, is due to deliver the couple's second child in January, and Ronald's promotion to major was less than a year ago.

The soldier's father, Tommie Milam, attributes his son's success in the Army to the leadership skills and drive he learned as a point-guard on the high school basketball.

After the Persian Gulf War, he was sent to Saudi Arabia, where he traded orders with another soldier to stay an extra year and train Saudis in the Patriot missile program.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Anthony Moss

The night before American Airlines Flight 77 rammed into the Pentagon, Navy electronics technician and Petty Officer 2nd class Brian Moss, 34, called his mother in the tiny town of Sperry, Okla., to brag about his new work digs.

After months of waiting for renovations to finish, Moss was finally installed in his spanking-new office on the Pentagon's west side.

"It was like getting a new uniform for him -- it made him that much prouder of his service," Pat Moss said. "He talked about the huge Navy seal in the floor right outside."

In January, Moss was selected for the prestigious Sailor of the Year citation for Naval District Washington. A few months ago, he told his family that he hoped to be promoted to petty officer first class this fall, said his sister, Angie Moss Howard.

Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Jude Murphy

Navy Lt. Cmdr. Patrick Murphy, 38, was from Flossmoor, Ill.

He was commissioned from Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps at the University of Mississippi in May 1986 and designated a submarine officer. He had served on the USS Sand Lance and USS Daniel Webster.

He earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Allen Noeth

Michael Noeth loved art.

He lived for it, and was very good at all facets of drawing and painting, said Lt. John Abbamondi, a casualty assistance officer helping Michael's family cope with his death.

Michael was one of 188 people killed Sept. 11 when a hijacked airliner crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.

In October, Michael, 30-year-old bachelor, was assigned to the Pentagon as a draftsman.

The young man combined his desire to serve in the military with his passion for the arts, Abbamondi said.

Michael once attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York. Before coming to the Pentagon, Michael worked in the surface warfare area, including have been stationed once on the Navy aircraft carrier USS Wasp.

Spec. Chin Sun Pak

Two days before Christmas in 1997, Spec. Chin Sun Pak, 25, of Lawton, Okla., marched into an Army office and enlisted into the life of being a soldier.

She had served four years of duty before being killed Sept. 11 by a terrorist-hijacked plane that crashed into the northwestern wedge of the Pentagon.

She had been assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Pak had received the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Good Conduct Medal.

Lt. Jonas Martin Panik

As a boy growing up in Mingoville, Pa., Lt. Jonas Panik, 26, dreamed of attending a military academy.

His dream came true in May 1997, when he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a degree in history.

As a naval intelligence officer, Panik spent his career touring the world.

On Labor Day weekend this year, Panik took his wife back to his childhood home for his father's birthday and a family picnic.

"He got to see people he hadn't seen in several years because of his deployments," said his mother, Linda.



Maude



Milam



Moss



Noeth



Pak



Panik



Fallon



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To the Men and Women of the Pentagon and Their Families:

All of us at TriWest Healthcare Alliance share the Nation's grief regarding the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Our thoughts and prayers are with those lost and injured, with their families and friends, and with the servicemen and women who stand ready to defend our freedom.

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In Remembrance

Capt. Clifford Patterson

Army Capt. Clifford Patterson, 33, was from Alexandria, Va.

Lt. j.g. Darin H. Pontell

Tragedy has hit the Pontell family more than once.

Twelve years ago, Steven Pontell was killed while attempting to land on the Navy aircraft carrier USS Lexington. On Sept. 11, his younger brother, Lt. j.g. Darin Pontell, 26, was killed after a terrorist flew a hijacked plane into the Pentagon.

Bright, handsome and a "computer wizard" is how Darin's grandfather remembers the sailor who worked in naval intelligence at the Pentagon.

The 1998 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy strived to be like his older brother, who was in his 20s when he died, grandfather Louis Pontell said.

"He followed his brother," Pontell, 88, said. "He went to [the] U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and joined the Navy like his brother. But he didn't want to become a flyer, so he went into intelligence."



Pontell

Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph John Pycior Jr.

Petty Officer Joseph Pycior, 39, was from Carlstadt, N.J., and had enlisted in June 1980. He once served on the USS William S. Sims, USS Seattle and USS George Washington. He had been working for the Chief of Naval Operations when he died.

Pycior had earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Antarctic Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Rifle Marksmanship Medal and Pistol Marksmanship Medal.

Petty Officer 1st Class Marsha D. Ratchford

Most people saw Navy information technician Marsha Ratchford, 34, as friendly and quiet, but the Mobile, Ala. native could be strong-willed when necessary, said her husband, Rodney Ratchford.

Ratchford met the machinist's mate in the gym at a Navy training school in San Diego, where she immediately caught his eye.

"She had an awesome smile," Rodney Ratchford said.

They married in Alabama, in May 1988, going on to have three children — an 11-year-old son, an 8-year-old daughter and an 18-month-old daughter.

"She was a mother from her heart," her husband said, adding that the family has turned to God to get them through their loss. "We have our up days, our down days. But we haven't lost faith, and we never will."



Ratchford

CWO4 William Ruth

Chief Warrant Officer William Ruth, 57, had the military in his blood.

The Marine Corps officer left active duty after flying helicopters during the Vietnam War and joined the National Guard. But when war broke out in the Persian Gulf, he was back on active duty and at the helm of a helicopter.

He left again, and taught middle school social studies from 1991 until his retirement in 1997. Then, in November, he was commissioned and worked in the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserves at the Pentagon.

"To me he was a true American hero in every sense of the word," said former co-worker and teacher Linda Gross.

Lt. Col. David M. Scales

Lt. Col. David Scales was a perfectionist who couldn't rest until every job was finished. He showed up early to work and regularly stayed late.

But the 44-year-old lieutenant colonel with the Army Reserve always put his family first, and in the minutes before his office in the Pentagon was destroyed, he sent an E-mail to his wife in Arizona. She fired back a reply.

"It may have been what he was reading when the terrorist attack occurred," Patricia Scales said.

Scales was "an extremely professional, dedicated officer," said Col. Dan Blakeney. With his red hair and ever-present smile, he was well known in the Washington, D.C., area Army Reserve community.

Cmdr. Dan Frederic Shanower

Navy Cmdr. Dan Shanower, 40, was from Naperville, Ill. He was commissioned from Officer Candidate School in July 1989 and was an intelligence officer. He had served in the Philippines and was working for the Chief of Naval Operations when he died.

Shanower had earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.



Schlegel

Cmdr. Robert A. Schlegel

Cmdr. Robert Schlegel, like his father and two brothers, saw the Navy as a calling.

Before being posted to the Pentagon in September 2000, Schlegel was executive officer of the USS Arthur W. Radford, a 9,000-ton destroyer. That assignment followed tours aboard the Navy destroyer USS Scott and the USS Yarnell.

Schlegel's wife, Dawn, said how much the military life meant to her husband.

"He comes from a military family," said Dawn Schlegel, adding that she is proud of his accomplishments, including a recent promotion.

"It was a big deal that he was selected for command."

Schlegel, who was born in Gray, Maine, graduated from Washington & Lee University in Lexington, Va., where he was a French and journalism major. He also received a master's degree in international affairs.

Tech. Gregg Harold Smallwood

Chief Information Systems Technician Gregg Smallwood, 44, was from Overland Park, Kan. He enlisted in Pittsburgh, Pa., in June 1976.

He once served on the USS Henry B. Wilson, USS Reasoner, USS Harry W. Hill and finally at the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. He had broken service from 1981 to 1988.

Smallwood had earned the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal and Navy "E" Award.

Sgt. Maj. Larry Strickland

Army Sgt. Maj. Larry Strickland wasn't supposed to be working on that terrible day. In his three decades of service to the U.S. Army, Strickland had never seen combat. But in an instant, he was killed in an act of war by an enemy.

One month from retirement, the soldier was supposed to be on leave. But Strickland, 52, was a hard worker, a personnel manager who had traveled to U.S. Army bases all over the world as a senior adviser to a deputy chief of staff.

"We feel very bitter," said his mother, Olga Strickland.



Strickland

Maj. Kip Taylor

Maj. Kip Taylor's passion was his family. He and his wife, Nancy, had a 21-month-old son, Dean, and they were expecting another child in a month.

He was amazed at the miracle of his child, his mother, Kay Taylor said. And still a few years off, Kip was looking forward to being a little league coach.

He always had a fondness for little ones, his mother said.

While in the Army, Kip had the opportunity to visit the Honduras. He was moved by the stark conditions at a girl's orphanage. Not the kind of person to let things go unchanged, he arranged through a church for donations to be earmarked for the orphanage.

Kip's life was a display of acts of kindness. "He touched a lot of people in his 38 short years," Kay Taylor said.

"He was a focused young man with so many talents," she said.



Taylor

Sgt. Tamara Thurman

As Sandra Woolen talks about her daughter, Tamara, she begins in the past tense, then stops.

"She was such a sweet ... is such a sweet girl," she says.

Army Sgt. Tamara Thurman, 25, loved basketball and music. She enlisted out of high school, served in Bosnia, Korea and Germany. She has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal. At the Pentagon, she worked as an administrative assistant in the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"I was very proud of her," Woolen says of her daughter, then corrects herself: "I am very proud of her."

Lt. Cmdr. Otis Vincent Tolbert

Vince Tolbert's fellow intelligence officers told him he couldn't join the football pool this year. The former Fresno State running back would just trounce everyone, as he did last season, they said.

"He was kind of upset," said his wife, Shari. But just before this year's NFL opening kickoff, the ruling was reversed. The Oakland Raiders fan, who wrote intelligence briefings for the chief of naval operations, was allowed to play.

"I find myself over and over saying, 'We talked about that, we talked about that,'" Shari Tolbert said. "That's one piece of mercy I take — Vince and I were good when this happened, we were good."

Lt. Cmdr. Otis V. Tolbert, 38, arrived at his Pentagon office most mornings by 3:30. In the afternoons, he would return to his Lorton, Va., home to attend to Brittany, who is 7 and has cerebral palsy, and his other children, Amanda, 9, and Anthony, 18 months.



Tolbert

Lt. Cmdr. Ronald J. Vauk

Lt. Cmdr. Ronald James Vauk was on the second day of his annual two-week Navy Reserve stint at the Pentagon when he was killed.

Vauk has a 3-year-old son, and his wife is pregnant with their second child. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and spent five years in the Navy before joining the reserves, worked at the

Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in research.

The Reservist's sister, Pat Vauk, described her brother as a "fabulous human being." The family — he is the youngest of nine siblings — is spread out across the country.

Like countless others, the Vauk family members had been unable to come to the Washington, D.C., area because of the commercial aviation ban.



Vauk

Lt. Col. Karen J. Wagner

As successful as Karen Wagner was in the Army, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel with a desk in the Pentagon, she was sketching out options for the second act in her life, something to balance her military career.

In her 17 years in uniform, she rose to the position of medical personnel officer in the office of the Army surgeon general, and deputy chief of staff for personnel — a promotion she received only last month.

An avid watcher of the Food Network, Wagner, 40, liked to relieve stress by taking long runs, her athleticism honed during her college days in Las Vegas, where she played guard on the university's women's basketball team.

"Her shtick was baking; mine was cooking," said her sister, Kim. "Our hope was that we could retire at the same time. If we decided to teach school, we were going to get our experience in Texas and try to go abroad."



Wagner

Staff Sgt. Maudlyn Alberta White

Army Staff Sgt. Maudlyn White, 38, was a quiet person who was independent.

"She likes to do things her own way, and that's why she joined the Army," her father, Richard Irish, has said.

White, who was born in St. Croix, had a 5-year-old daughter and four brothers and sisters. She enlisted in the military in San Juan, Puerto Rico in June 1985 and has served in Germany, Chicago, and at the Pentagon, where she was assigned to the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

While has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Joint Service Achievement Medal.

Lt. Cmdr. David Lucian Williams

Navy Lt. Cmdr. David Williams, 32, was from Newport, Ore., and was commissioned from Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps, Virginia Military Institute in May 1991. He was a Surface Warfare Officer who had served on the USS Gunston Hall, USS Whidbey Island, USS Nashville and finally worked for the Chief of Naval Operations.

Williams had earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy "E" Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Navy Unit Commendation.

Maj. Dwayne Williams

Roy Williams has an admiration for his brother, Maj. Dwayne Williams, that transcends the bonds of brotherhood. As a child Dwayne was the protective bigger brother in a family of seven children. As an adult he was a quiet compassionate man, often putting himself in danger's way for his country.

Dwayne called upon this courage often in his 18 years with the Army. He was a paratrooper and Ranger at Ft. Benning, Ga., served a tour at the American Embassy in Egypt during a volatile period and served in the Gulf War.

Each time he had emerged unscathed from these duties, and three months ago Dwayne Williams, 40, was assigned to the Pentagon, a bastion of security.

It was the safest place in the world to work, his brother, Roy Williams said. It was the ultimate career assignment for and the one place where the family wouldn't have to worry about his safety.



Williams

Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Wayne Yokum

Navy Information Systems Technician Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Yokum, 27, grew up with one brother and two sisters in Lake Charles, La., 40 miles from the Gulf of Mexico and 50 miles from the Texas border.

His brother, two years older, joined the Army. After Kevin Yokum graduated from high school, he decided he would become a Navy man.

During the last 10 years, Yokum traveled extensively — Hawaii, Africa, South America — on Navy ships, said his father, Allan L. Yokum Sr. He had been based in San Diego, and was transferred to the Pentagon three years ago.

"He was proud of his job," Allan Yokum said. "He was real proud of it."

Tech. Donald McArthur Young

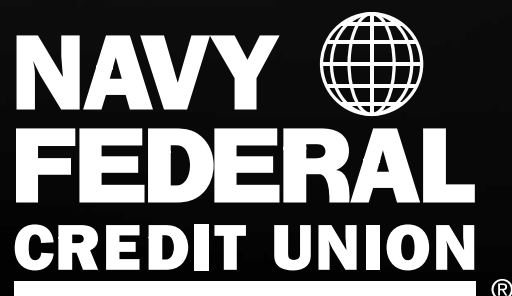
Navy Chief Information Systems Technician Donald Young, 41, was from Roanoke, Va. He enlisted in Richmond in December 1980. He once served on the USS Illusive, USS McCandless, USS John F. Kennedy, USS Briscoe and USS Bataan. He was working in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations when he died.

Young had earned the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

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In Remembrance

Max Beilke

Max Beilke, 69, was the last U.S. combat soldier to leave Vietnam. The retired Army master sergeant was working in the Pentagon on veterans' issues when hijackers rammed American Airlines Flight 77 into the building.

Beilke, a quiet midwesterner, was drafted into the Korean War. He served almost a year in Vietnam as the United States negotiated terms for its withdrawal from the country. The Army listed him as the last soldier to leave Saigon, on March 29, 1973, although Marines guarding the U.S. Embassy stayed until the fall of South Vietnam in April 1975.

"It was all over the TV and radios when Max was the last one out of Vietnam – then for something like this to happen," said Lucille Johnson, one of Beilke's four surviving sisters.

She remembered her only brother fondly. "One boy growing up with five girls tells you a lot. He grew up spoiled," she said, adding that when he died, "Max was doing exactly what he would have liked to have done."



Beilke

Carrie Blagburn

For two days after the crash, Leo Blagburn would call his wife's cell phone only to get her voicemail. "The thing that hurts so bad is ... you get her voice," he said. "But I've stopped calling. I can't stand to hear her voice like that."

While he waited, Blagburn flashed on memories of his 23 years with his wife, Carrie Blagburn, 48, – trips, outings to dance clubs, church visits, the births and weddings of their children and the tender loving care she had given their grandchildren.

Donna Marie Bowen

From almost the time the sun came up until it went down, Donna Bowen was busy doing things she loved – working and spending time with her family.

Donna Bowen, an employee of Verizon, had worked on contracts in an Army budgeting office for the last four years of a 23-year career with the communications company.

"She loved working with billing problems," her husband, Eugene Bowen Sr., said.

The 42-year-old had opted for an early schedule, starting at 5 a.m., so she could be home after school for her three children and two step children.

Making sure homework always came first, Donna also helped fill her children's lives with activity. "She was always going somewhere in the evening with them," he said of his wife of 12 years.



Bowen

Allen Boyle

Allen Boyle lived in Fredericksburg, Va. He worked as a civilian contractor for the Department of Defense.

Angelene C. Carter

Angelene Carter, 51, had a passion for family, Orlando vacations and doing church work.

Her husband, Fred, a retired Army sergeant, spoke caring of the woman he fell in love with on a dance floor 20 years ago. "It was a Christmas office party," he recalled, "and she asked me to dance."

This summer, Carter and her 17-year-old daughter, Freddie, visited Universal Studios and rode rides together. But her mother has a tough side, too, Freddie said: "She always says, 'Keep your head in the books and clean up your room.'"

Angelene Carter was a member of St. Paul Baptist Church in Capitol Heights, Washington, D.C., where she served on the usher board.



Carter

Sharon S. Carver

Sharon Carver was only days back from an annual family vacation at Disney World and settling into her routine as an accountant for the Army when a hijacked plane crashed into her Pentagon office.

"She went to Florida and had fun with the whole family," her nephew, Sean Carver, 21, said.

Sharon Carver, 38, had worked for several years as an Army civilian and was working toward a master's degree in accounting. She liked her job, but was talking about looking at other opportunities, her nephew said.

He wished she had.

"She was a good person who took care of her family and her nieces and nephews," Sean Carver said.

John Joseph Chada

John Chada, 38, lived in Manassas, Va. He was an information management Support Center for the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He is survived by his wife.

Rosemary Chapa

During her Texas childhood, Rosemary Chapa, 63, used to say someday she wanted to work at the Pentagon – the most powerful place in the country.

Through grit and raw determination, Chapa achieved her goal – she was just a few months from retirement at the Defense Intelligence Agency.

As much as Chapa loved her work, she was also devoted to

her large family, including her husband, Javier; five children; elderly father; four siblings; five grandchildren; and two dogs.

"I miss her more deeply than words can express," Chapa's 32-year old daughter Elza, who will be married this December, said in an e-mail. "She was my best friend. And although she will not be here for my wedding physically, she will walk with me always through life."

Julian Cooper

Julian Cooper, 39, lived in Springdale, Md. He worked as a civilian contractor for the U.S. Navy in the Pentagon.

Ada M. Davis

Ada Davis, 57, lived in Silver Spring, Md. She worked as a staff accountant in Resource Services for the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. She is survived by her husband.

Amelia Fields

Amelia Fields turned 46 that infamous morning of Sept. 11. Her husband, who was her high school sweetheart, slipped out of their home during breakfast to place a surprise birthday card in her car.

While she headed to work at the Pentagon, where she was a civilian secretary for the Army, he baked a chocolate cake for when she would have arrived home that night.

It "would have been the first thing she saw when she walked in," said William Fields, a retired Marine Corps master sergeant.

Amelia Fields was killed when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. She had worked there for only two days, having been assigned previously to Fort Belvoir Army base in Fairfax County, Va.

Gerald P. Fisher

Longtime Booz, Allen & Hamilton consultant Gerald P. Fisher, 57, had such a winning way about him that colleagues refused to give up on him until his death at the Pentagon was confirmed.

"He was a real optimist," said Joyce Doria, a Booz, Allen senior vice president who supervised Fisher and two other employees who died.

His circle of friends, who called him "Geep," was so large that as many as 80 people turned out for his annual pre-Thanksgiving potluck dinners, said Christine Fisher, his wife of 17 years.

His 30-year career in government, academia and private industry included six years as an associate professor at the universities of Texas and Wisconsin.



Chapa



Fisher

Sandra Foster

Kenneth Foster began working anonymously next to rescuers minutes after the plane hit the Pentagon – the wedge where his 41-year-old wife, Sandra Foster, worked.

When he was asked to leave, he camped at a nearby hotel. "Everyone should have a wife like I have. She's an angel."

Sandra Foster had worked at the Pentagon for almost 25 years. She started while she was in high school, when she was hired as a civilian by the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Her neighbors recalled her as quiet and sweet, and said that she and her husband, a retired Army soldier who works for the Army as a civilian, frequently tended their yard together. She was an avid Washington Redskins football fan and he an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Cortez Ghee

Cortez Ghee, 53, lived in Reisterstown, Md. He worked as a supervisory budget analyst with Resource Services in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He is survived by his wife.

Brenda C. Gibson

Brenda Gibson loved her Washington Redskins football team. She loved baseball, she loved boxing. "She could probably tell you more about sports than I could," said her husband, Joseph Gibson.

Brenda Gibson, 59, worked in budgeting and accounting for the Army, a job she was so dedicated to that she had postponed surgery to work last Tuesday and help close the books for the budget year.

The Gibsons have a 34-year-old son, Eric, and a 3-year-old granddaughter, Raven-Symone, who "was her heart and soul," Joseph Gibson said.

Both natives of Washington, D.C., the Gibsons were married for 35 years, though they had known each other far longer.

"She was a good person," Joseph Gibson, 60, said. "If someone needed help, she was there for them."



Gibson

Ronald F. Golinski

Ronald Golinski, 60, lived in Columbia, Md. He worked as a personal policy integrator with the Office of the Deputy Army Chief of Staff for Personnel. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and stepson.

Diane M. Hale-McKinzy

Diane Hale-McKinzy, 38, lived in Alexandria, Va. She worked

in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. She is survived by her husband and daughter.

Carolyn Halmon

Carolyn Halmon, 49, worked the day shift as a budget analyst for the Army at the Pentagon. Herman Halmon, her husband of nearly 30 years, worked evenings.

But he managed to drag himself out of bed every morning to drive her to the subway station before 7, making sure to get a goodbye kiss from the girl he'd met in junior high in Orangeburg, S.C.

Now Herman Halmon, 49, wants to remember his wife the way she was when he dropped her off Tuesday morning.

Carolyn Halmon was "definitely a church-going person," her husband said, dedicated to her charity work at the National Church of God in Fort Washington in the District. She also loved growing tomatoes, peppers, greens and flowers. The couple raised a son, Stan, 28, and a daughter, Alisha, 24, and became grandparents five years ago.



Halmon

Sheila Hein

Ask Peggy Neff about her longtime partner, Sheila Hein, and she points to their University Heights backyard.

Seven years ago, they bought the house as a fixer-upper, its yard a tangle of overgrown brush. Today, it's "our own private park," Neff said, pointing out the flagstone patio they put in themselves, the meticulously kept gardens Hein designed and the homey benches tucked in quiet corners. "She is what this yard is," Neff said. "There's a whole lot of love here."

Hein, 51, was at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, taking part in an Army internship, studying manpower analysis. A native of Springfield, Mass., she joined the Navy out of high school and was sent to Virginia. She spent 10 years in the service as a photographer, married twice and ventured into a career in computer graphics, working on government contracts.



Hein

Jimmie Ira Holley

In the days following the Pentagon disaster, Martha Jackson-Holley did laundry to make sure her husband's clothes were clean when he came home.

Jackson-Holley last spoke with her husband, Jimmie Ira Holley, 54, a Pentagon accountant, shortly before 9 a.m. Sept. 11.

"He caught the Metro to work, and I drive, so every morning he called me to make sure I got there safely," Jackson-Holley said. "The last thing we said was, 'I love you.'"

"When I heard about the ... World Trade Center, I prayed they wouldn't do anything to the Pentagon, but I knew it would be a target because it is the power center," Jackson-Holley said.



Holley

Herbert Homer

Herbert Homer listed his hometown as Milford, Mass. He worked as a civilian contractor for the Department of Defense.

Angela Houtz

Angela Houtz was quiet, her former teachers recalled. But when she said something, people listened.

Houtz, 27, was working as a civilian naval employee at the Pentagon. News that she was among the dead spread throughout Maurice J. McDonough High School in Charles County, Md., where teachers remembered her well, even though she graduated in 1992. She was the class salutatorian, and her picture still hangs on the school's wall of fame.

"She's someone whose face I remember, and I've taught thousands," said Jane Scanlan, an English teacher. "Angela was always very much involved," she said. "She was very dedicated to her work. She wasn't just a good student. She was a good person."



Houtz

Brady Kay Howell

After completing a master's degree in public administration at Syracuse University in January, Brady Howell, 26, was named as a presidential management intern and assigned to work for the chief of naval operations at the Pentagon.

Tim Stewart, a family friend, said Howell was enthusiastic about his job, which often involved top-secret work. Howell enjoyed telling his wife of four years, Elizabeth Anderson Howell, and friends that he had done "cool" stuff that day – then joked they lacked proper clearance to know more, Stewart said.

Peggie Hurt

Peggie Hurt had been on the job at the Pentagon only two weeks. Her position in the Army's accounting section, which followed a stint with the National Guard, was a promotion the Virginia State University honors graduate had eagerly sought. "She was excited to move on," said Delores Hardy, her cousin.

The 36-year-old Hurt, a native of Kenbridge, Va., lived in Springfield, Va. She moved to Washington, D.C., a few years ago from Richmond, Va., where she had also held a government accounting position.

"She was definitely a people person," Hardy said.

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In Remembrance

Robert Hymel

Beatriz “Pat” Hymel met her husband, Robert, in Del Rio, Texas, when he was going through pilot training at Laughlin Air Force Base. It wasn’t love at first sight – Hymel was interested in taller men, and Robert stood 5 feet, 6 inches.

He was undeterred, however. “Unrelenting,” Pat Hymel said with a laugh. Robert Hymel, 55, a Louisiana native, worked at the Pentagon as a civilian management analyst. He had retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel and had served in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart.

Early in their marriage, Hymel was shot down over Hanoi in his B-52. Grievously injured, he was given last rites, but he survived.

“Other people in that plane died,” Hymel said. “We had him for 29 more years. I can’t be angry.”



Hymel

Bryan C. Jack

Bryan Jack was responsible for crunching America’s defense budget. He was a passenger on American Airlines Flight 77, bound for official business in California when his plane struck the Pentagon, where, on any other day, Jack would have been at work at his computer.

Carla Tighe, a fellow Pentagon economist, said Jack was a brilliant mathematician and top budget analyst who translated policy decisions by the defense secretary into hard numbers.

“He was so mathematically gifted,” Tighe said. “We’re still reeling with how we compensate for what he did.”

Judith Jones

Judith Jones, 53, lived in Woodbridge, Va. She worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Navy in the Pentagon.

Brenda Kegler

Brenda Kegler is so afraid of airplanes falling from the sky that she hates to fly.

It is “the ultimate irony,” her husband Bing said, that she was killed because of a plane crash that occurred as she sat at her desk.

Kegler, 49, had worked at the Pentagon for 30 years, most recently as a budget analyst for the Army.

David Laychak

The worst moment of Laurie Laychak’s life was telling her children that their father, David, was killed at the Pentagon. Nine-year-old Zachary and 7-year-old Jennifer sobbed and screamed. Then they began asking their mother questions that were both childish and chillingly mature.

Are you going to have to work? Why couldn’t have it been me? What will we do for the family Christmas picture?

David Laychak, 40, was a civilian Army budget analyst for the Pentagon, but around the house, he was the Harry Potter storyteller, the UNO card player, the consummate dad.



Laychak

Samantha Lightbourn-Allen

Samantha Lightbourn-Allen, 36, a budget analyst who handled credit card accounts for the Department of the Army, was the kind of person who never worried about anything.

“She just felt when it was your time, it was your time and worrying about it wouldn’t change things anyway,” said her mother, Rebecca Lightbourn. “I’m the type who worries about everything.”

Samantha Lightbourn-Allen, of Forestville, Md., is the mother of two; a 16-year-old son and a 12-year-old daughter.

James T. Lynch

James Lynch, 55, of Manassas, Va., was a civilian television and video technician who worked for the Navy, and reported to work as usual on Sept. 11.

A neighbor described Lynch as a Kenny Rogers look-alike who loved to work in his yard. “He was a decent guy and very hardworking,” neighbor Mary Sedlak said.

“The man had a flagpole in the middle of his front lawn. He always flew his flag,” said neighbor Bonnie Nahas. “He was the kind of guy that when he was out mowing the grass, he’d mow the lawn out between the sidewalk and the street, too.”



Lynch

Terence Michael Lynch

Terence Lynch, 49, is one of three consultants from Booz, Allen & Hamilton killed at the Pentagon Sept. 11.

Born the son of a steel-factory administrator in Youngstown, Ohio, Lynch graduated from Ursuline High School there and received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in history from Youngstown State University, where he met his wife, Jacqueline.

Lynch became a congressional aide, working from 1983 to ‘95 for Alabama Sen. Richard C. Shelby, then a Democrat. After Shelby switched parties, Lynch went to work for the Senate Intelligence Committee and then for the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. He joined Booz, Allen & Hamilton two years ago.

Shelley Marshall

Sept. 11 started out like any other day for Donn and Shelley Marshall. They woke up and got their two children ready for day care. They drove to work in separate cars but followed each other during their one-hour commute from Charles County, Md., stopping for gas and for breakfast at a Burger King.

Two hours later, a hijacked plane plunged into Shelley’s office at the Penta-



Marshall

gon, ending her life after 37 years and narrowly missing the day-care center where their children, ages 3 and 20 months, were. Shelley Marshall was a budget analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency. It was a job she loved, a job she worked hard to get and a job she was exceptionally good at.

Teresa Martin

A Bible verse on Teri Martin’s refrigerator reads, “Cast your burdens upon the Lord and He shall sustain you.”

She posted other verses around her home.

Teri loved her job as a budget analyst for the Army and the friends she made at the Pentagon.

Her day started at 3:30 a.m. and ended well after the sun set again in the evening. She spent several nights a week and part of her Saturday doing the bookkeeping for the family business, T.J. Martin Trucking.

“I work the trucks and the drivers, and she maintained everything else,” her husband said.

Ada L. Mason

Ada Mason, 50, lived in Alexandria, Va. She worked in Resource Services in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. She is survived by her husband.

Robert Maxwell

Robert Maxwell, 56, always arranged his slippers in the same spot next to the bed, always hung his robe on the bathroom door hook, and, before hitting the sack, always left his coffee cup on top of the microwave – with a spoon on top.

Maxwell served as a civilian budget analyst for the Army, working at the Pentagon.

“And here he was married to this flaky psychologist – it used to drive him crazy,” joked his wife, Karen Greenberg, 46. “But he did have his wild side.”

Molly McKenzie

Molly McKenzie and her estranged husband Shane McKenzie had been separated about a year, but still were close. They helped their daughters do homework, took trips to the beach together and celebrated their anniversary.

They also had plans to join a gym near their homes, and the two exchanged a few calls about the logistics shortly before American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11.

Molly McKenzie, 38, a civilian budget analyst for the Army, was in her first-floor office a few doors from the impact site. She never returned her husband’s last call.

Shane McKenzie spent the days following the attack helping their daughters, Lea, 13, and Alana, 10, decorate their home with red, white and blue ribbons.



McKenzie

Patricia E. Mickley

It’s easy to claim to be a “people person,” but Patricia Mickley, 41, really did have that gift, her husband, Joseph, said.

After all, it worked on him.

“I remember the first time we met, it was at work and we shook hands and I thought, ‘We’re going to be good friends.’ She had this look like, ‘You can know me.’ That lasted with us the whole time.”

Mickley is collecting articles and photos in a scrapbook to show his daughter when she gets older.

He wants her to know her mother died a hero at work in the Pentagon. “She wasn’t out in Bosnia. She wasn’t out in Saudi Arabia shooting a gun. But she really believed in American values and she contributed in her own way – never thinking she’d be on the front lines.”



Mickley

Gerard P. ‘Jerry’ Moran

After traveling the world as a combat photographer for the Navy from 1979 and 1984, Jerry Moran, 39, became an engineering contractor for the Navy, specializing in video teleconferencing.

His favorite activity was coaching his daughter Shannon, 16, and son Dane, 14, in a variety of sports. When not occupied with fast-pitch softball, baseball or power lifting, Moran loved to whip up gourmet meals, experimenting with recipes from his many cookbooks, said Joyce Moran, his wife of 18 years and a retired Navy photographer.



Moran

Odessa V. Morris

Sept. 11 was Odessa V. Morris’s 25th wedding anniversary. Her husband still can’t believe she’s gone.

“It’s like a movie, like I’m dreaming,” said Horace Anthony Morris, an English professor at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Odessa Morris was a budget analyst for the Army who spent her free time raising pet goats and dispensing advice to family and friends about how to get out, and stay out, of debt. A native of Norfolk, Va., and one of eight children in her family, she was known for her cooking.



Moy

Teddington Hamm Moy

Madeline Moy turned 50 on Sept. 10, and she and her husband, Teddington “Ted” Hamm Moy, 48, celebrated with a low-key dinner of steak and cheese fries at an Outback Steakhouse with their son, Daniel, 14.

The next morning, she kissed her husband goodbye, handed him his sack lunch

and sent him off to work at the Pentagon, where he was a program manager in information management support for the Army.

A short time later, a package arrived in the mail: her birthday gift from her husband, a Lands’ End sweater twin set, red.

“He was so patriotic,” his wife said.

Khang Nguyen

Khang Nguyen grew up familiar with war. In South Vietnam, he and his family heard the frequent boom of shells and gunfire. In 1975, when communists took over the country, he and his family fled to an airport in vans. His father and two of his siblings made it onto a flight to the United States, but the rest of the family got left behind.

Nguyen, his mother and other siblings lived in poverty. Meanwhile, his father, a former employee of the U.S. Information Services in Vietnam, used his contacts to find the family.

In 1981, the family was reunited in Washington. Nguyen, 41, a systems administrator for a Navy contractor, loved working at the Pentagon and would buy hats and T-shirts with government logos.



Nguyen

Diana Padro

Every day when he got to work, Jose Padro would call his wife, Diana, at her office in the Pentagon, just to hear her laugh.

It wasn’t a nervous giggle or an earsplitting chortle, he explained. “It was a kind of laugh like, ‘I’m glad to talk to you.’ I loved that. I would call her every day just to hear that,” Padro said.

Diana Padro, 55, a staff accountant for the Department of the Army, had lived in Woodbridge, Va., for nine years – the longest stretch of time their military family lived in one place. Diana Padro, an outgoing woman, “immersed everyone in her energy,” her husband said.

Scott Powell

Friends keep calling to comfort Art Powell – and themselves. His identical twin, Scott, worked at the Pentagon, and they called wanting to hear Scott’s voice in Art’s.

“Some people just want to talk and hear that familiar tone and cadence,” said Art, 35.

Growing up, their parents didn’t dress them alike or give them rhyming names — thankfully, he said. But the two stuck together.

Scott became a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer, which led to a job at the Pentagon, where he worked as a civilian contractor for BTG Inc. For a while, the brothers even worked in the same Pentagon office. Art now has an office in a government building downtown.



Punches

Jack Punches

U.S. retired Navy Capt. Jack Punches, 51, lived in Clifton, Va. He worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Navy in the Pentagon.

Deborah A. Ramsaur

On most Saturdays, Deborah Ramsaur spent the day taking her two young children to soccer games and swimming lessons.

The weekend following the attack on the Pentagon, Ramsaur’s husband, John, took Ann, 7, and Brian, 5, to an international children’s festival – alone.

Debbie, 45, worked at the Pentagon as a civilian secretary for the Army for about a year, though she had been with the Army for 14 years.

“She loved the job,” John Ramsaur, 58, said. “She loved the Army. She was a supermom. She was a great mom.”

Rhonda Sue Ridge Rasmussen

Rhonda Rasmussen, 44, learned Sept. 10 that she had been awarded the transfer to California she was seeking. Her husband, Floyd, who also works at the Pentagon, said they thought about staying home Sept. 11 to celebrate, but their sense of duty led them to work.

He will go to California alone now.

Floyd Rasmussen was one floor above and one corridor over from where Flight 77 tore into his office building and his life. He said he was able to evacuate immediately and assumed that Rhonda would be able to also. Instead, he spent the day wandering the area calling out her name.

“She sacrificed as much as any soldier in any war,” he said.



Rasmussen

Martha Reszke

Martha Reszke, 56, was a civilian who had worked for the Army budget office for the past eight years.

Friends and family describe her as a dedicated worker, but an even more dedicated mother, wife and friend.

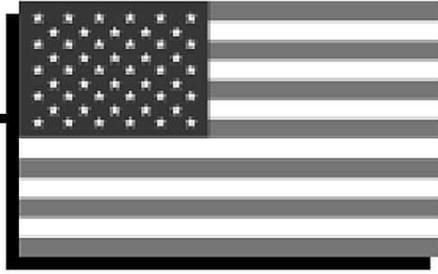
To “everyone who came into her life, she gave,” said her husband, Jim Reszke. “The thing about her was that she was genuinely kind, honest.”

“She was everybody’s gardener,” he said. “Her therapy after work was this garden. She told you how it should be, and you did it. She was the designer. I was the digger.”

He’ll have to handle both duties now. “If I don’t, she’ll haunt me,” he said.



Reszke



United We Stand

At ManTech, we pray for blessings of comfort and understanding to be bestowed upon the families and friends who lost their loved ones in the cowardly attacks, at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon. We extend to you, our sympathy and deepest condolences. We share in your sadness of these events.

We at ManTech, take the opportunity to publicly acknowledge the bravery, heroism and esprit de corps shown in New York City and at the Pentagon during this trying time.

Many at ManTech have served with the Armed Forces and all are proud to stand side by side with the brave men and women who work within the walls of the Pentagon and those of our Armed Forces throughout the world. We thank you and your family for this heroic sacrifice.

We are grateful that you hold your head high, showing pride and patriotism for the cause of freedom. We are privileged to work with you. We resolve to support you in defending this great country.

May Gods' speed be with you and yours from this day forward.

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In Remembrance

Cecelia E. Richard

Cecelia Richard had a great love of God, family, the Washington Redskins football team and her mixed-breed Labrador, whom relatives said she coddled like a baby.

The 41-year-old Fort Washington, Md., resident held many jobs at the Department of Defense in the past two decades. She was working as an accounting technician for the Department of the Army the day American Airlines Flight 77 slammed into the Pentagon.

Richard grew up in southwest Washington and landed her first job with the Pentagon after graduating from high school.



Richard

Edward Veld Rowenhorst

One of Edward Rowenhorst's favorite things to do was to take his 7-year-old daughter, Ashley, to his Pentagon office. He'd find an empty cubicle and give Ashley some crayons. One time, the two had a picnic lunch at the Washington Monument.

The visits were part of the comfortable domestic routine embraced by Rowenhorst, 32, a civilian accountant for the Army. "Ashley just loved going in," Traci Rowenhorst said. "Every-one in the office enjoyed kids. They were just a big family there."

The last time Ashley's dad took her to work with him, he brought her to Room 472, First Floor, E Ring — the Pentagon's newly renovated section.

Judy Rowlett

Kay Rowlett thinks of her sister, Judy, as a free-spirited, outgoing person with a good sense of humor.

Judy, 44, of Woodbridge, Va., was a civilian worker at the Pentagon when she was killed in the attack Sept. 11.

Her last visit to her hometown, San Angelo, Texas, was just two months ago.

"When we all got together, we would just talk about everything," her mother, Shirley Smith said. "We would eat, laugh, talk."

Her job at the Pentagon involved helping relocate military personnel and their families according to assignments.

"She just loved her job," Kay said. "She's been doing it for more than 10 years."



Rowlett

Robert E. Russell

Robert Russell, 52, met his wife at her 16th birthday party. When he proposed to her four years later, he promised to buy her a large house with a white picket fence, take her to Paris and, in their 80s, sit together on their porch with their great-grandchildren.

"Every dream's come true, but not that last one," said Teresa Russell, 50, a human resources specialist at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Her husband, a civilian budgetary supervisor for the Army, worked at the Pentagon.



Russell

Charles Sabin

For years, Charles Sabin told his brother Martin that he was going to move to Asheville, N.C., when he retired — to be near the streams and lakes and mountains, and the good fishing. But six months ago, Sabin changed his mind. He decided to stay in Washington, D.C.

"All his friends were there. There was no reason to go anywhere else to feel free and relaxed," Martin Sabin said.

Charles Sabin, 54, joined the Defense Intelligence Agency in 1981, working in financial management. He rose to become one of its highest-ranking officials.

"What happened in his area happened in a blink of an eye. He never knew what hit him. At least we're grateful for that," his brother said.



Sabin

Marjorie C. Salamone

At age 8, Marjorie Champion started driving the hay truck for her father in Pine Mountain, Ga. At 16, she headed off to college, where she taught her roommate statistics and fell in love with Ben Salamone, her future husband. At 53, Marjorie helped their daughter Amanda move out on her own to New York.

"She was always thinking of us," Ben Salamone, 55, said, speaking of himself and the couple's 22-year-old daughter.

Marjorie Salamone, an Army budget analyst, was a take-charge person.



Salamone

Janice M. Scott

Janice Scott, the family genealogist, drove around the South for a week this summer tracing her ancestral roots.

"She was able to go back as far as the slavery days, four or five generations," said her husband, Abraham Scott, of his 46-year-old wife, an Army budget analyst who worked at the Pentagon.



Scott

Michael L. Selves

Michael Selves and his wife, Gayle, were counting the days until he could retire from his job at the Pentagon. Next stop: the greens and fairways of Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Avid golfers, the couple had plans to move to South Carolina next year.

Over the course of a 20-year Army career, Selves served in South Korea and Italy, advancing to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 1996, as a civilian, he became director of the Army's information management support center at the Pentagon.

"His sense of humor is probably what made him so special to everyone. He could make just about anyone laugh," his wife said.



Selves

Marion H. Serva

Marian and Bruce Serva had a plan for what they'd do if terrorists attacked the Pentagon.

He'd stay at his post office job in Northern Virginia and she'd call him there to say she was fine.

On Sept. 11, Bruce Serva waited for his wife of 26 years to call. He couldn't get through when he dialed Marian, a civilian congressional affairs liaison for the Army. So he waited and waited and waited some more.

When he finally drove home after an eerie, unnerving workday, his eyes locked on the driveway.

"When I didn't see her car there, I said, 'Oh, man, she's still in the building,'" Bruce said. "We'd talk about everything. She was my wife, my lover and my best friend. I miss her."



Serva

Antionette Sherman

Antionette Sherman lived in Forest Heights, Md. She died seven days after the attack from her injuries. She was a civilian employee of the Army.

Don Simmons

Don Simmons, 58, had detailed plans for when he retired from his Pentagon job next year.

He wanted to travel and paint more. He wanted to market a magnetic spin toy he had invented and patented. He was looking forward to spending more time with his wife, Peggy, also a Pentagon civilian employee, and their son, Mark.

But he never got the chance. "Everyone who came in contact with him remembers him, I'm sure, as a warm, generous and caring person," said Peggy Simmons.

Cheryle Sincock

Cheryle Sincock's children had been urging her to retire, but she liked her work as a Pentagon secretary and she liked the people she worked with.

At 53, "she could have retired a little while ago, but she didn't do it, even with the prodding from the kids," said her stepson, William Mitchell, 34, an Army warrant officer. "We said, 'Take a break. Get away from it,' but she stuck with it."



Sincock

Patricia J. Statz

In the home of Vincent and Jo Ann Statz in Chippewa Falls, Wisc., there sits a lovely table. Vincent, a carpenter who designed and made the table, never imagined it would serve as a memorial to his daughter Patty Statz.

The table is a testament to her wonderful life and the effect she had on people, he said. It now is covered with newspaper clippings about her and words of encouragement from friends and family.

Patty, 41, was a civilian employee who worked for the Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Army Personnel. She is survived by her husband, David Carroll, and two sons.

Edna L. Stephens

Edna Stephens, 53, liked to cook, bowl and sing in the choir at Varick Memorial AME Zion Church in northeast Washington, D.C. With 34 years at the Pentagon, the civilian budget analyst for the Army looked forward to retiring next year and moving back to Gainesville, Ga.

And her family, including her father, son and most of her eight brothers and sisters, anticipated the day she would return to the Atlanta suburb.

"She was a focal point of guidance for us all," Holcomb said. "Even though she was far away, we always talked to her. Whenever she came home, it was always a happy time," said her sister, Eunice Holcomb. "When she left, we didn't stop laughing."



Stephens

Sandra C. Taylor

Sandra Taylor, 50, lived in Alexandria, Va. She worked in the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Army Installation Management. She is survived by her daughter.

Karl W. Teepe

On his lunch break, budget analyst Karl Teepe, 57, would sometimes take the Metro from the Pentagon to the Mall, where he would sit in a sculpture garden, or one of the Smithsonian Institution galleries, and let the beauty sink in.

Beauty meant a lot to Teepe. At his house, he spent his time making improvements to his yard and deck, his daughter, Wendy, said.



Teepe

Learning was also important, and Teepe often took classes on the human genome, the Civil War and painting.

But fun was a priority, too. Before his Pentagon office was struck, Teepe and his wife, Donna, planned a night out to see Garrison Keillor.

"We still have the tickets," Donna said.

Willie Quincy Troy

Willie Troy, 51, lived in Aberdeen, Md. He worked as a program analyst in Resource Services in the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. He is survived by his wife.



Waller

Meta Waller

When 60-year-old Meta Waller returned from the World Conference on Racism, she told her family it had changed her life.

Waller attended the conference with a group of schoolchildren, taking time off from her work at the Pentagon, where she was special programs manager for the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Army. She had worked there 12 years and was at her desk when the hijacked airliner slammed into the building.

Sandra White

It was at a Miss Black America contest in Williamsburg, Va., nearly two decades ago that Oscar White met his soon-to-be wife, Sandra. Even with all those beauties around, he couldn't take his eyes, or mind, off her.

"That night I knew," Oscar White said of the wife he lost in the attack on the Pentagon. He said he was drawn to "her sincerity, kindness, honesty. I had the feeling that I met someone as committed to family and values as I was, and I made up my mind that night I was going to marry her."

Six months later, he did.

Sandra White, 44, was a civilian in the Army budget office, but her husband, a retired Army colonel, said she displayed the fortitude of a soldier.



White

Ernest M. Willcher

Ernest Willcher, 62, of North Potomac, Md., worked for Booz, Allen & Hamilton after 25 years as a civilian employee at the Pentagon. Shirely Willcher, his wife of 23 years, said that her husband and two other company employees were briefing Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel, on an improved system for survivor benefits for military employees when the hijacked aircraft hit the Pentagon.

Willcher returned to work after retirement to help ensure that his children — Benjamin, 20, and Joel, 17 — "could go as far as they wanted in school," his wife said.

He never had doubts about working for the military. "He always said he was working for the right client — the citizens of the country," his wife said.



Willcher

Marvin Roger Woods

Marvin Woods, the son of a sailor, enlisted in the Navy when he was in high school and went on to serve for 23 years.

When he retired from the Navy in 1984, he took a six-week vacation, then reported back to his office at the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, Md., and continued in his job as director of communications, but as a civilian.

"His job was his life," his son, James, said. "I remember when he retired from the Navy, he cried."

"My husband was proud of the 40 years he gave to his country," said his wife, Betty.

Edmond Young

Edmond Young, 22, was a computer whiz.

At the Pentagon, where Young worked as a support technician since February, he was the one generals trusted to fix their computers.

It was that trust that put Young in the E Ring office of Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude at 10 a.m. Sept. 11.

The hijackers destroyed what family and friends said was a bright future.

"He had goals. He knew what he wanted to accomplish," said Jerome Adams, Young's first cousin.



Young

Lisa Young

Lisa Young, 37, loved working at the Pentagon as a personnel assistant for the Army — she liked the precision, the sense of purpose, the excitement.

But her first love was her daughter, Chaquita Young, who will turn 18 next month. Mother and daughter spent endless hours at home or at the Pentagon City mall. They spoke by phone several times a day, loved being silly together and just generally having a good time.

"Her daughter was her life," said Wanda Rose, 42, Lisa Young's sister. "Chaquita and her mom did everything together. They had their own world together. It was just them two."

Now, it is just Chaquita.



Young



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